



# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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## Trinity Sunday

June 15, 2025

Musicians: Carol Ahrens, Jeanie Hoffman, Stephen Krause, Anna Maas, Louise Mayhew  
Videographers: Dale Bernthal; David Maas

Ushers Team D: Jake Ohlmann, Andrew Roehl, Noah Ohlmann, Jeff Ohlmann

**VIDEO FEED:** For overflow or other reasons the church service may be viewed in the basement.



### **WELCOME visitors and members!**

It is our prayer that God's Word will bring peace, joy, and renewal of faith in each of our hearts. Feel free to speak with the Pastor after the service or telephone: 507-201-5524. Visitors: Please sign the guest book in the entryway.

### **Pre-Service Meditation:** Psalm 8 NKJV

*O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth, who have set Your glory above the heavens! Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, because of Your enemies, that You may silence the enemy and the avenger. When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen—even the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas. O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth!*

**We Welcome** all those who have come to worship with us. We pray that you will join us in understanding the gravity of our sins against God and be led to repent of them. May we all receive God's announcement that our sins have been forgiven through Jesus' perfect life and innocent death on the cross. What joyful news for all!

If you are new to our church and have any questions about our services or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please speak to the pastor. He will be happy to speak with you! Please sign our guest book in the entryway. Come back and join us again!

# COMMUNION ORDER OF SERVICE

Liturgy music: TLH p.15

## *We Prepare to Meet Our Lord*

**WELCOME IN THE NAME OF OUR TRIUNE GOD!**

### **Opening Prayer**

**Entrance Hymn:** *“Come, Thou Almighty King”*

*The Lutheran Hymnal 239*

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:**  **Amen.**

### **Our Confession of Sins and God’s Absolution**

**Pastor:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**Pastor:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**All:**  **Who made heaven and earth.** (Psalm 124:8)

**Pastor:** I said, “I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.”

**All:**  **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** (Psalm 32:5)

**All:** O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. I justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them. I pray that You would of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

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**Pastor:** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:**  **Amen.**

## *We Praise Our Lord*

**Bible Reading:** Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV

**Pastor:** Jesus came and spoke to them, saying:

**All:** “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”

**P:** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations:

**All:** Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**P:** Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you:

**All:** And lo, I am with you always, *even to the end of the age.*” Amen.

**Object of Our Worship—God**

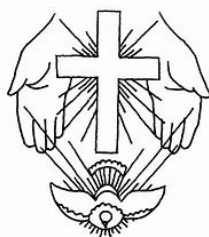
♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

**Prayer for Mercy**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.



**Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven**

♪ Redeemed, restored, *forgiven* through Jesus’ precious blood,  
Heirs of His home in heaven, oh, praise *our* pard’ning God!  
Praise Him in tuneful *measures* who gave His Son to die;  
Praise Him whose sev’n-fold treasures *enrich and sanctify.*

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**P:** Let us pray.

**All:** ♪ Amen.

## *Our Lord Speaks to Us*

**First Scripture Reading:** Jeremiah 10:1-16 ESV

Jeremiah here contrasts the idols of this world with the power and glory of the one true Creator God, who has revealed Himself to us in His Word. Let us continue to stand before Him in worship and with praise!

**SECOND LESSON:** 2 Timothy 1:7-14 ESV

Paul here encourages us to remain faithful to our Savior God—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and to confess boldly and without fear the truths of our salvation!

## **Our Confession of Faith in the Nicene Creed**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
by Whom all things were made;  
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
Who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
And I look for the resurrection of the dead  
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Hymn:** “Holy, Holy Holy, Lord God Almighty”

*The Lutheran Hymnal 246*

**Sermon:** Text - Luke 2:21-22 NKJV

*When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, “You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.”*

## **JESUS’ BAPTISM CLEARLY REVEALS THE TRIUNE NATURE OF GOD!**

- I. God the Son, Jesus, was baptized among us and for us!**
- II. God the Holy Spirit descended as a dove upon Jesus to identify Him as our Savior!**
- III. God the Father spoke from heaven and claimed Jesus as His beloved Son!**

# *We Offer Ourselves to Our Lord*

**Offertory** (Psalm 51:10-12)

**All:** 🎵 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *and* renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy *Spirit* from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation; and uphold me with *Your* free Spirit. Amen.

**Offerings of Thankful Hearts**

**Prayers**

## *Our Lord Gives Himself to Us*

**Communion Liturgy**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. (2 Thess. 3:16)

**Congregation (sings):** *And with your spirit.*

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All:** 🎵 We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**All:** 🎵 It is good and right so to do.



Pastor: It is truly fitting, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God: . . . Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**All:** 🎵 *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Your glory; hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!* (Isaiah 6:1-3)

Pastor: The Lord's Prayer (Matt. 6:9-13)

**All:** 🎵 For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

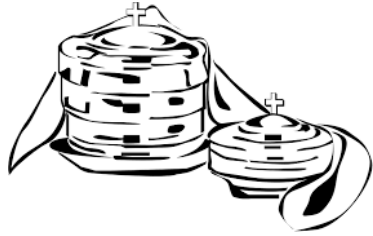
**Words of Institution**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**All:** 🎵 Amen. *O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace.* Amen.

# Distribution of the Lord’s Supper


**Our practice of close communion:** We believe that God desires unity of faith and confession among all who commune together as Paul expresses in 1 Corinthians 10:17. For this reason communicant members of Grace and of our sister congregations in the CLC (Church of the Lutheran Confession) are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you are visiting us today, and have a desire to commune with us in the future, we ask that you first speak with our pastor about this at your convenience. We practice close communion out of love for you and out of obedience to God's Word (1 Corinthians 11). Thank you.



**Communion Hymn:** “What Is This Bread”

Worship Supplement 755

**Lord, Now Let Us Depart:** (Luke 2:29-32)

**All:**  Lord, *now* let Your servant depart *in* peace according to Your word. For *my* eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people. A *light* to *lighten* the Gentiles, and the *glory* of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and *to the* Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As *it* was in the beginning, is now, and ever *shall* be, forevermore. Amen.

## Our Lord Blesses Us

**Benediction** **All:**  Amen. Amen. Amen.

**Closing Hymn:** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

The Lutheran Hymnal 54

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**Communion REGISTRATION:** please register your attendance at this morning’s renewal gift of forgiveness. Sheet is in entryway.

# CLC

**CLC CALL NEWS** Lori Ruthenbeck has **returned** the one-year call to teach part-time at St. John’s Lutheran School, Okabena, MN. <> Leah Bauman has **received** the one-year call to teach

part-time at St. John's Lutheran School, Okabena, MN. Leah is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. <> Mr. Dan Barthels has **received and returned** the call to serve as principal and teacher of Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI. <> Mr. Rick Mariner has **received** the call to serve as principal of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Lutheran Church of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA, has **accepted** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. Pastor Gantt will continue to serve the members of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA in a dual parish arrangement. <> Pastor Edward Starkey of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN, has **announced his retirement** at the end of June. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has **received** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Mark Tiefel of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI, **received** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

**LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN/DAILY REST SUBSCRIPTIONS:** June is the month for submitting subscriptions for the *Lutheran Spokesman* and *Daily Rest*. The *Lutheran Spokesman* is a monthly periodical produced by our Church of the Lutheran Confession. It contains a variety of devotional articles, a monthly Bible Reading suggestion page, and synodical announcements. The subscription is \$20/year. *Daily Rest* is a daily devotional, which is printed quarterly. The subscription is \$15/year. The lists of those who previously subscribed are in the church entryway by the tract rack. If you wish to resubscribe please check your name and put your subscription money into the collection plate. If you have previously subscribed but do not wish to continue with your subscription, check the box on the subscription list declining renewal. If you have not received either of the publications and would like to do so, please add your name at the bottom of the subscription page and place your subscription money in the collection plate. If you are unable to afford a subscription, please, allow the congregation to provide that blessing for you—sign up and if you are able in the future to help with this, do so with joy!



**FINAL SUNDAY/FAREWELL POT-LUCK:** Next Sunday will be Pastor Nolting's final Sunday. Worship services will be held at Peace at 8:00 a.m. and at Grace at 10:30 a.m. A farewell pot-luck will be held at 12:00 noon in the Grace Fellowship Hall. May the LORD watch over and bless us all as Pastor and Sara move into the next phase of their lives, while the Tri-Parish moves forward with its God-given ministry under the guidance of Pastor Schaller!

**CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS:** Next Saturday morning, God-willing, the Nolting moving van will be loaded for their move in Minnesota. Volunteers are needed to help. Anyone able and willing to assist is asked to meet at the parsonage at 9:00 a.m. It is not expected to take too long.



**ADDITIONAL CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS—SCHOOL EXPANSION PROJECT:** Once again, God-willing, the remodel project for the Grace Church Basement will begin on Saturday, June 28. An additional exit on the north side of the church basement will be installed. Saturday's work will involve the removal of a portion of the concrete parking lot immediately behind the church, where a stairway will be installed leading to that future new exit. The project will also include additional fire-prevention measures in the area of the existing northeast church basement exit.



**BENEVOLENCE FUND—TECHNOLOGY PROJECT:** Messiah-Eau Claire, Pastor Schaller's previous parish, provided computers and printers for their pastors. Pastor Schaller will have to purchase those items upon arriving in Valentine. The Elders have suggested that any contributions to the Benevolence Fund from this point through the end of July be given to Pastor Schaller to help him with those technology purchases, which in turn will help him to better serve our Tri-Parish.



## Weekly Calendar: June 15-22

Today	8:00 a.m.	Peace/St. Paul's <b>WORSHIP</b> in Mission
	8:05 a.m.	940 AM "Words of Grace" Radio Devotion
	9:30 a.m.	Grace <b>WORSHIP</b> in Valentine
	10:30 a.m.	Grace Fellowship Hour
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Grace Ladies Aid Meeting
Friday	6:30 a.m.	Family Breakfast <b>Bible Study</b> @ Grace
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	12:00 noon	Farewell Pot-Luck at Grace

## Fruits of Faith—June 8, 2025

<b>Peace</b> —Worship Attendance: 5	Offering: \$370.00
<b>Grace</b> —Worship Attendance: 35	Online Views: 21
General Fund: \$2,165.25	Debt Retirement: \$200.00
Daily Rest/Spokesman Subscriptions: \$40.00	